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E. O. 11652 GDS TAGS PINT PINS MILI VS SUBJECT THE DEMOCRACY PARTY CRACKS THE WHIP

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SUBJECT: THE DEMOCRACY PARTY CRACKS THE WHIP

- 1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL UNDERSTANDS THAT BOTH THE DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF OF PHONG DINH, NGUYEN VINH, AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR CAN THO, NGUYEN VAN KHANH, HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF THEIR POSTS AND REASSIGNED TO MOI. REPORTS CONFIRMED BY VINH AND KHANH NOTE THAT THE OFFICIALS INADEQUATELY PERFORMED THEIR DUTIES TO THE DEMOCRACY PARTY.
- 2. A WELL- INFORMED PHONG DINH PROVINCE OFFICIAL WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE DP LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS THE TWO OFFICIALS RAN AFOUL OF THE DP ADVANCE TEAM WHICH VISITED CAN THO FEBRUARY 28. THE OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THIS POINT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDED THEY WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING FAILED TO MEET THE ADVANCE PARTY, ADEQUATELY ENTERTAIN IT, OR PREPARE THE DP INAUGURATION IN THE MANNER EXPECTED.

- 3. KHANH IS A DP MEMBER AND VINH PROBABLY IS. BOTH ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS OF PRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE IMPORTANCE THE DAY THE DP ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVED. BOTH OFFICIALS ARE REASONABLY POPULAR LOCALLY AND KHANH IS REGARDED AS AN ACCOMPLISHED CIVIL SERVANT. HE HAS BEEN IN CAN THO FOR SIX YEARS.
- 4. COMMENT: WHILE THE REMOVAL OF VINH AND KHANH MAY BE THE RESULT OF PETTINESS, THEIR DEPARTURE IS BEING READ LOCALLY AS A WARNING TO CITIZENS IN GENERAL AND CIVILSERVANTS IN PARTICULAR THAT THE DP MEANS BUSINESS.

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